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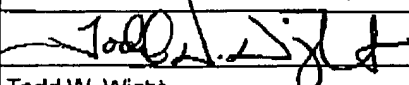
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated August 8, 2006, for which a response is due on November 8, 2006. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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